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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Vournakis <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	To be assigned
Serial No.:	To be assigned	Art Unit:	To be assigned
Filed:	July 11, 2003	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
For:	BIOCOMPATIBLE POLY- β -1 \rightarrow 4-N-ACETYLGLUCOSAMINE	Attorney Docket No:	7867-049

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), applicants hereby petition to make the above-identified application special on the basis of applicant's age. One of the inventors, Ernst R. Pariser, is more than 65 years of age.

In support of this Petition and in compliance with the requirements of MPEP § 708.02, subsection IV, submitted herewith is a copy of a Declaration of Ernst (also known as "Ernest") R. Pariser, accompanied by a duplicate of a notarized copy of the identification page of Mr. Pariser's passport, showing that Mr. Pariser is more than 65 years of age. The original Declaration and notarized identification page were filed in connection with a Petition to Make Special in related application no. 10/386,893 (attorney docket no. 7867-041). Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the petition be granted.

No fee is believed to be due for this petition. Should any fee be required,
please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 10, 2003

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Enclosures

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Application of:	Vournakis et al.	Confirmation No.:	To Be Assigned
Serial No.:	10/386,893	Art Unit:	To Be Assigned
Filed:	March 12, 2003	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
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**DECLARATION OF ERNST R. PARISER
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

I, Ernst R. Pariser, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Lexington, Massachusetts, do hereby declare and state that:

1. I am one of the inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application;
2. I am more than 65 years of age, being born on August 16, 1918;
3. As evidence of my date of birth, attached hereto as Exhibit A is a notarized copy of the identification page of my passport; and
4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

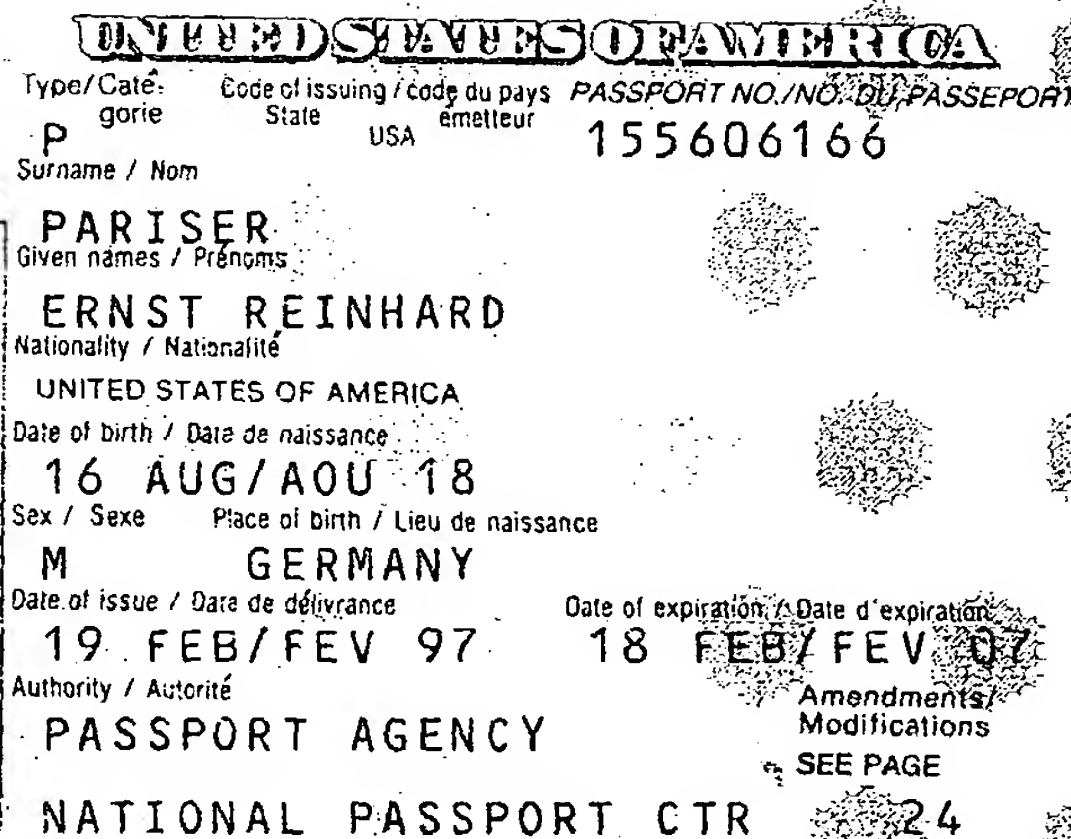
Date: 06/26/03Ernst R. Pariser
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Enclosure: Exhibit A

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